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REMARKS

Claims 2, 4-12, and 14-20 are presently pending in the application. Claim 8 is an independent apparatus claim, and claim 15 is an independent method claim. All claims are rejected under §103 over Geddes in view of Brackett.

The Examiner has responded to Applicant's last response by making two arguments: 1) Brackett is not non-analogous art because both references are directed to the same problem, which is to attenuate noise in an exhaust, and 2) although the motivation is not expressly articulated, the references as a whole teach Applicant's invention.

With respect to the Examiner's first argument, nowhere does the Applicant argue that the reference are non-analogous art. Rather, Applicant is pointing out that the combination is flawed. Geddes is the base reference, which the Examiner is modifying with Brackett. The

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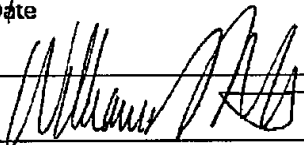
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